

Subt 13  
~~--10. (Amended) The sterile pharmaceutical suspension according to claim 8, comprising at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, pH regulating agents, chelating agents, agents rendering the formulation isotonic and thickening agents.--~~

--11. (Amended) The sterile pharmaceutical suspension according to claim 8, wherein the concentration of the glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, ranges from about 0.05 to about 20 mg/ml in the formulation.--

Subt 14  
~~--39. (Amended) A pharmaceutically acceptable inhalation powder in the form of finely divided particles having a mass median diameter (MMD) of less than 10  $\mu$ m, said particles being sterilized by heat treatment at a temperature of from 100°C to 130°C and comprising a glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, wherein the glucocorticosteroid or ester, acetal, or salt thereof, comprises an asymmetric acetal structure.--~~